



The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day - 25th December 2022

Parish Details:

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Office Hours:

Monday— Wednesday: 9:30am—4:00pm

Thursday & Friday: 9:30am—2:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sacred Heart English Saturday 10.30am
 Maltese every 4th Saturday 4.00pm

Baptism: Eight weeks notice is required

Marriage: Six months noticed required

Sacred Heart Mass Times:

Weekdays

Tuesday - Friday 7.30am

Saturday 9.00am

Weekend

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 7:30am, 10:30am

Polish 9.00am

Slovene 2nd Sunday of month at 5:00pm

Emmaus Mass Times:

Saturday 6:30pm

Sunday 9:00am

If you would like to receive the weekly 'Parish Update' emailed to you, please send your email address to the Parish: stalbans@cam.org.au

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Sacred Heart/Emmaus Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. The Parish takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse and upholds that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. To report issues and concerns, contact: stalbans.csc@cam.org.au or 0413 841 936

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Sacred Heart-Emmaus Parish acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, the traditional owners of the land where we gather. We pay our respect to their elders past, present and emerging.

READINGS

This week:	First Reading: Is 9:1-7	Second Reading: Ti 2:11-14	Gospel: Lk 2:1-20
01/01/2023:	First Reading: Nm 6:22-27	Second Reading: Gal 4:4-7	Gospel: Lk 2:16-21
08/01/2023:	First Reading: Is 60:1-6	Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6	Gospel: Mt 2:1-12
15/01/2023:	First Reading: Is 49:3, 5-6	Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-3	Gospel: Jn 1:29-34
22/01/2023:	First Reading: Is 8:23 – 9:3	Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17	Gospel: Mt 4:12-23

REFLECTION

We are celebrating that our Saviour has been born for us – Christ, the Lord. The love of God for all of creation is brought alive in our midst through this birth. New hope is possible – for God is here amongst us.

From wherever you have come this evening / today, with whatever circumstances shape your life - we all belong here in this great Feast!

With thankful hearts, and with a spirit of love for all, we celebrate that God's life is alive amongst us!

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!



MASS TIMES

- ◇ Mass on Tuesday 27th of December will be at 9am at Sacred Heart
- ◇ There will be a Polish Mass on 26th of December at 10:15am at Sacred Heart
- ◇ As of the weekend of 31st December, the Mass times will be back to normal for both Churches

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS: Carmen Josephine Pasco, Lucy Maguzza, Fr. Joe Hynan

ANNIVERSARIES: Jerry Aloysius, Neil Snooks, Andrew, Doris, Joseph & Vincent Mifsud, Theresa & Bill Saliba, Massu & Elizabeth Micallef, Cecilia & Frank Cordina, Joseph & Maria Orsini, Michael & Jane Saliba, Mary Barbuto, Zlatica & Ivan Petric, Angela Xuereb, Paul & Maria D'Rozario, Tammy Hall, Benjamin & Anastasia Gomes, Rita Siomos, Charlie Spiteri, Gelim Qassip, Sebastiom & Evelina Dojcay, Gglantina Sautiagio Dojcay, Pjeter, Collin, Lisa Dojcay & Family, Pawlu & Carmena Brincat, Marika, Emmanuel & Robert Farrugia, Leli Bugeja, Charles Camilleri, John Borg, Emmanuel & Jessie Mifsud, Vincent & Giovanna Gatt, Joseph & Norman Gatt, John Calleja, Barbara Cuitak, Ivan Vancas, Joe Pribaz, Mr. Emmanuel Croos, Pero Kilsanin, Michael & Josephine Piacentini, Paul Aquilina, Aaron D'Souza, Frank Mifsud, Innocent Vella, Antonia Lanzeino, John Colerio, Joe Giaccotto, Ferdinand Debono, Fr Joshua, Peter & Grace Muscat, Maria-Hong Cam, Peter Van Lai, Martha Chu, Peter Phoung, Paul Choung, Anna Vy.

OUR PASTORAL, SOCIAL & SCHOOL EVENTS



PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Over Christmas and the New Year our Presbytery office at 4 Winifred street, St Albans will be closed from 11:30am on Friday 23rd December re-opening 9:30am on Tuesday 3rd of January 2023.

To all who have given life to our Parish during the year: well done! thank you!
To those who will be spending Christmas away from us - best of Christmas blessings to you!

We look forward to a quieter time in January before we re-gather all our projects and activities again!!

FAIR COMMITTEE ACHIEVEMENT

Following those years of lockdowns, our Parish Fair Committee became very active during this year with the regular 'sausage sizzles' at Bunnings (Watergardens). Through their marvelous efforts, they have presented a cheque for \$15,000 to the Parish Education Account!! Our three Parish Primary Schools (Sacred Heart, Emmaus, Cana) are now invited to name a 'special project' in their School to which their (equal) share of these proceeds will be applied. What a wonderful outcome for our Schools! What great Ministry from our Fair Committee! Early next year the Fair Committee will consider possibilities and plans for 2023.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE AND FLOOD APPEAL

Thank you for your contributions to the donation boxes at the foot of the Christmas Tree in our Churches! Donations received have been passed on to Vinnies.

For Kilor Downs Local Vinnies Conference we raised \$3,720 helping them support families in need in the lead-up to Christmas.

For the Vinnies flood appeal we raised \$2975 - *Thank you!*

PIETY STALLS

What great support!! Proceeds from the Piety Stall at Sacred Heart church have been forwarded to Mercy Palliative Care as a donation towards their great ministry - \$3,000 !! Thanks and congratulations to Nan and Isabella for their commitment to this service!



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

SACRED HEART:

Christmas Eve: 5.00pm
7.00pm
12am midnight (*11.30pm Christmas carols*)

Christmas Day: 7.30am
9.00am (*Polish*)
10.30am

EMMAUS:

Christmas Eve: 6.00pm
8.00pm
10.00pm
Christmas Day: 9.00am



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

"God is watching over you." Mary MacKillop 4th. July 1876.